



#### BLOOD CREEK.

From "Kansas Boy."

Farmers are plowing for spring crops.

Dr. Atkins, of Galatia, will soon move to Olmitz.

Joseph Axman has been very ill for the past four weeks.

The entertainment at No. 21 was well attended last Friday.

The Olmitz boys gave T. Nickel and bride a loud reception.

Chas. Speck says he has a fat girl up east who weighs 300 pounds.

Robert Benton's leg is getting some better. He will soon be able to walk on it.

There will be an entertainment and basket supper at Olmitz on February 21st.

R. Hoffman takes the lead with the boxing gloves. He may soon challenge Corbett.

J. Pizinger says he will be in Olmitz every day when them pretty girls move in from up north.

F. Pizinger says he would not trade his little daughter for the best team of horses in the county.

Max Matters says it is too cold weather to go to dances. Take the girl along, Max, the next time you go, and you'll not get cold.

#### SEWARD AND VICINITY.

By "Beulah."

Prayer meeting at Newhope every Wednesday evening.

Charlie Shotten and Clara Hamilton were married Sunday.

The dances in this neighborhood are too numerous to mention.

Rev. Pearce, of Pawnee Rock, preached at Seward Sunday night.

A number of young people of this vicinity are going to take the examination on the 29th.

Dr. Wolf, of Seward, was in the city of Stafford Saturday, getting a supply of medicine.

At the home of Leonard Hamlin and wife Saturday evening, the young folks gathered for miles around, the occasion being a play party.

#### ALBERT ITEMS.

From "The Silent One."

We are still able to be about.

George Schlegel now sports a bike.

C. F. Hayse is taking in considerable wheat just now.

Herman Teten is talking of making a trip to the strip soon.

Lot Hall is not recovering very fast from his sickness.

Gug Faber is now enjoying the the company of his wheel when he goes south.

Andy Campbell was seen on our streets Saturday. He is a traveling horse doctor.

C—"What the matter now F?" F—"I wish I was dead; her father said I should come no more."

The dance at John Gallon's last Thursday night was well attended, much better than the last.

Say, Charley, how was the weather where you were a week ago last Sunday? From what we hear it must have been rather warm.

John Ruble's children have been sick the past few days with something resembling scarlet rash. At least it seems to be catching nearly all the little folks west of Albert.

Frank Haase met with quite a serious accident last Thursday. While he and John were breaking a mule the team ran away, throwing them out and breaking his leg just above the ankle. Dr. Shaw is waiting on him.

#### OLMITZ ITEMS.

By "Little Annie Rooney."

Wheat is beginning to grow nicely.

Our streets were full of people last Saturday. They came in to see the ball game, but Galatia failed to show her colors.

Mrs. Curtis is very low with rheumatism and pneumonia.

Several of our boys are talking of going east to work until harvest.

H. H. Boyle and Jas. B. Wigton were down to the Bend Saturday.

Entertainment and box supper in the school house at this place Friday evening Feb. 21.

The two bicyclists, Jas. Harper and H. H. Boyle, were seen riding their wheels last Sunday evening.

Our town has grown more this last winter than it has in a whole year before. Times picking up is the cause I guess.

The entertainment which was given at the Boyle school house last Friday night was a grand success in the way of a crowd.

Robert and Will Boyle are building themselves a house west of Boyd; when it is finished they will move in and go to batching. Look out boys this is leap year.

We came very near having a fire in our burg last Saturday. The house of Mr. Meyers caught fire from the chimney, but it was discovered in time to be put out before much damage was done.

#### AROUND CLAFLIN.

The Leader Says—

"School chart sharks" are abroad in the land.

Fred Shadl is going lame by reason of a difficulty with a large stone.

C. E. Traylor & Co. have sold out their business to A. K. Bennett, late of Missouri.

Claflin Camp 1711, M. W. of A. held a special election at the camp meeting last Friday night, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of L. J. Bailly clerk. L. C. Breeden was elected clerk. This made the office of escort vacant, and John Stockwell was elected to fill the same.

#### ABOUT ELLINWOOD.

The Advocate says:

Mrs. C. M. Sockwell is just recovering from a severe spell of sickness.

People seem to forget that it takes longer to establish a coveted reputation than it does to destroy one.

Otto Schwertfeger who broke his leg about three weeks ago is able to be around again by the assistance of a pair of crutches.

Secretary Matt Dick of the Ellinwood Creamery and V. S. Musil went to Alden Monday and set the new skimming station at that place in operation.

Dick Bosse is beautifying the grounds about his residence by putting in a flag-stone walk. They are expensive at first but cheap in the long run, and are much neater looking than board walk.

No bonds, no interest, no debts of any kind, streets, sidewalks and lights in excellent condition, and \$700 in the treasury is a record that many a Kansas town would like to boast of, yet it is Ellinwood's proud distinction to be one among the very few to claim such a condition of affairs.

#### GALATIA GRIST.

From "T. Winkle."

Did we play ball?

Grant Jones was up in this vicinity Sunday.

There was no preaching in Galatia last Sunday.

Uncle Alf Gustin was in Great Bend Monday.

Will Brown and family were at Mr. Shepard's Sunday.

W. A. Brown was shopping in the city of Boyd Monday.

Frank Harmon went to Great Bend Monday to look up a location.

The musical and elocutionary program rendered at the M. E. church Saturday evening, under the direction of Mrs. F. R. Livingston, was a grand success. There was a good attendance. The proceeds were equally divided between the two churches. The United Brethren turned their share towards the pastor's salary, while the Methodists used theirs for incidental expenses.

Willie Shapland came out from Great Bend Saturday to visit home folks. He returned to school Monday.

Miss. Katie Keenan, who teaches about seven miles southeast of here, attended the entertainment Saturday night.

A large number of our people have been attending the revival at Mt. Olivet. A very interesting meeting is reported.

Bob Harvey, of Hoisington, was at Tom Brown's the first of the week. He contemplates moving his family back into this neighborhood in the spring.

#### HOISINGTON COMMENTS.

From the Dispatch.

C. Gebrer and wife went to St. Louis Monday morning.

J. A. Brockway has sold his farm near town and will probably move to Missouri.

Says a farmer who talks from experience: "Burn all the trash that you have about your farm, on the roads and all. If you will examine it closely, you will discover that it is literally alive with chinch bugs. Fire will kill them and thus you will save your wheat next season."

Last Friday night just as we [This means Charlie Hobert.—Ed.] had dropped into slumber, we were awakened by strains of sweet music. We soon found we were being serenaded by a crowd of pretty girls. We know they were pretty because Hoisington doesn't have any other kind, and besides ugly people couldn't sing so divinely. After they left we dreamed of angels and paradise. Accept our profuse thanks, girls, and come again.

#### REDWING FEATHERS.

From The White Caps.

Plenty of feed in the country.

G. W. Hirsch has been going south the past few days. Say, George, what is the magnet?

People about Redwing feel good over the mild winter and the prospect for a good wheat crop this year.

A dance at F. Verner's Sunday night, February 9th, and had a good time. The crowd broke up at 2:30 a. m.

There were two young men to the dance recently, who, when they got home early in the morning, found that their father was about to go after them. Boys you are welcome to come to our next dance; but promise your father to be home at 12 o'clock.

"Little Willie from his mirror sucked the mercury all off, thinking in his childish error, it would cure his whooping cough. At the funeral, Willie's mother smartly said to Mrs. Brown. 'Twas a chilly day for William when the mercury went down.'"

#### That Trip East.

May be for business or pleasure, or both; but pleasure comes by making a business of traveling east over the Santa Fe Route as far as Chicago.

Thirty miles the shortest line between the Missouri river and Chicago; that means quick time and sure connection.

Track is straight, rock ballasted, with very few crossings at grade.

No prettier, cosier or more comfortable trains enter Chicago than those over the Santa Fe. They are vestibuled limited express, with latest Pullmans and free chair cars. Meals in dining cars served on plan of paying for what is ordered.

Inquire of nearest agent, or address G. H. Nickerson, G. P. A. Santa Fe Route, Monadnock building, Chicago.

#### SYNOPSIS OF STATEMENT

United States Branch Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, Norwich, England.

—DECEMBER 31st, 1895.—

Gross Assets	\$ 2,170,294.39
Gross Liabilities	1,420,493.28
Gross Income	1,608,100.85
Gross Expenditures	1,428,586.79
Risks written during year	182,709,929.00
Premiums received	1,535,426.45
Losses incurred	910,023.59

#### Advertised Letters.

Following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Great Bend for the week ending February 19, 1896:

M. L. Ansley,	Pest Conley,
Elbert G. Campbell,	Mr. Hughes,
C. D. Herrick,	P. G. Hufferd,
A. D. Mead,	John Prosch,
Miss Jane Patrick,	H. Traus,
Mr. Yates,	

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised." WILL E. STOKES, P. M.

## CLOSING OUT SALE!



BEGINNING Monday morning, Feb. 24, I will close out my entire stock of Groceries, Queensware, etc., CHEAP and for CASH. The stock is new, well assorted, and contains the very best the market affords. I have used over 20 years' experience in buying, and intend to give you the benefit.

## REMEMBER, Everything Goes!

It will be to your interests to borrow money and lay in a supply. Come early, before the assortment is broken. Fixtures for sale, and store room to rent.

Persons Owing Me are requested to call and settle at once.

I desire to thank all my friends for their liberal patronage during 18 years of business in this city.

A. R. MOSS,

★ Star Grocery.

*New York Store*  
G. SAMUELS

We have just opened and placed on sale to-day

6 dozen pr. Ladies Black Foster Kid Gloves, all sizes, regular price \$1.25, your choice for 75c a pair. If you need gloves don't wait until these sizes are broken.

Don't you need a silk waist? And would you buy it, if the price was very tempting? We are showing a beautiful line of these stylish waist patterns at remarkably low prices.

Our line of Percales, are prettier than ever. We are offering an extra good value full width in stripes, checks and figures at 8c a yard.

In SILK and WOOL PLAIDS. We are offering a 36 inch pretty plaid at 25c, well worth 37c a yard.

For 29c we are offering a full width plaid extra good value and worth 40c.

Have you seen those Scotch Zephers we are selling at 15c a yard, 32 inches wide. They are beauties, but don't wait until the prettiest ones are sold.

*New York Store*  
G. SAMUELS

## Say, Gentlemen!

Do you know

That we have just received a new and stylish line of Woolens, for Spring Suits. Come and see them, it will give you an idea of what to wear for Spring and Summer.

IN ADDITION, we have a complete line of Gents' Furnishing Goods, in all the latest styles and best make. We can SAVE YOU MONEY on everything.

YOURS FOR BARGAINS,

J. A. REHN.